

As I have already said, Government have laid down the policy that they will not open new departmental schools except in very rare cases. You must prove that in any particular case an exception has to be made. The water supply scheme will be investigated in due course.

113. Needs of the Shertallai taluk.

MR. N. KOCHUPILLAI KAIMAL (*Shertallai taluk, Group II*) first represented about the necessity for establishing a branch of the Land Mortgage Bank at Shertallai.

The following were the other local needs:—

The Shertallai-Arukutti road should be completed early. A bridge fit for vehicular traffic should also be constructed over the Poochakkal canal. A road should be opened from Panavalli Pandakasala *kadavu* to meet the above-said road. The length of the road would be only one and a half furlongs.

Two big ferry boats and additional ferry men should be provided at the Perumbalam ferry in the Pandakasala *kadavu*.

Cross roads should be opened from Taikkattusseri Palli *kadavu* to Makkal *kadavu* on the east and to Turavur Nadakkal in the west.

Another cross road should be opened from Ponnammveli to Kelamangalattu *kadavu* and thence to Ottappannakkal.

Two ferry boats should be provided in Muttattu *koyal*.

The Pullen and Prasserri *chiras* should be strengthened and provided with locks. This was essential for the successful cultivation of the *kari* lands in Vayalar East.

The Pookaita *chira* between Panavalli and Taikkattusseri should be similarly strengthened and provided with a lock. This would be of great benefit to nearly 5,000 *paras* of paddy fields.

The bunds of the Annala *tolu*, the Brahmaniveetil *todu*, the Poochakkal *todu* and the Puttur *todu* should be strengthened and locks provided therein. This would benefit an extent of nearly 12,000 *paras* of paddy fields.

A Munsiff-Magistrate's Court should be established at Arukutti. There would then be no necessity for the Additional Munsiffs' Courts at Shertallai and Vaikam.

The vernacular primary school building at Kodanturuttu should be reconstructed. An Arabic *Munshi* should also be sanctioned for the school.

Class VI should be opened in the Perumbalam V. M. school.

The Odampalli V. P. school should be converted into a V. M. school.

An assistant medical officer should be sanctioned for the hospital at Taikkattusseri.

The suggestions of the Economic Depression Committee should be given effect to immediately.

The provisions of the Village Panchayat Regulation should be enforced in all the *pakuthies* of the State. The Government were only considering to establish Village Panchayats in a few *pakuthies*. This was not sufficient. Panchayats should be established in all the *pakuthies* of the State.

Copies of the *Government Gazette* should be supplied free to the members of the Assembly. Arrangements should also be made for the supply of the copies of the *Administration Report* and the *Statistical Volume* to the members of the Assembly, before the commencement of the Assembly sessions.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kochupillai Kaimal, the establishment of the Munsiff-Magistrate's Court at Arukutti must await the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

The reconstruction of the vernacular primary school at Kodan-turuttu will lie over till next year. The question of the appointment of an Arabic *Munshi* in that school is being considered.

The opening of class VI in Perumbalam vernacular middle school must lie over.

The question of raising the Odampalli vernacular primary school to a middle school must wait. It is not the policy of Government at the moment, to open additional departmental middle schools. That is left to private enterprise.

You want an assistant medical officer for the hospital at Taikattusseri. As the number of in-patients averages only 5, and out-patients number only 25 in the hospital, one medical officer seems to be sufficient.

Some of the suggestions of the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee have been given effect to, and the others will be attended to.

As I told other speakers, five villages are to have Village Panchayats. After that experiment is watched, the question of establishing Panchayats in other parts will be taken up.

Free supply of the *Government Gazette* to the members of the Assembly costs money. The Assembly is to be re-constituted; so, the question of the early supply of copies of the *Administration Report* and the *Statistical Volume* will be considered with the new constitution.

In your representation, you dealt with several public works. The Shertallai-Arukutti road is nearing completion. And when that is completed, the question of constructing a bridge over the Poochakkal canal will be taken up.

In regard to the opening of a road from Panavalli Pandakasala landing, the Chief Engineer will be asked to report.

In regard to the construction of a cross road from Taikattusseri Palli landing to Makkal landing, an estimate has been prepared. Government have however ordered the work to lie over.

The opening of a road from Ponnampveli to Kelamangalattu landing awaits consideration by the Central Road Board.

An estimate for providing a ferry boat in the Muttattu *kayal* was received. The people were asked to contribute something towards the maintenance of the ferry. But they have not done anything so far and Government have ordered the question to lie over.

The Chief Engineer will be asked to report on the provision of ferry boats at Perumbalam.

Regarding the restoration of the Pullan and Prasserri *chiras*, the Chief Engineer has been asked to investigate and forward an estimate.

For strengthening the Pookaita *chira*, an estimate has been prepared. It could not be taken up for want of funds.

Action is being taken for the purpose of strengthening the bunds in the Annala *todu*, the Brahmaniveetil *todu*, the Poochakkal *todu* and the Puttur *todu*.

114. Needs of the Vaikam Municipality.

MR. K. P. KHADIR (*Municipal Council, Vaikam*) first spoke about the necessity for including within the Vaikam municipal limits the Survey Numbers mentioned as the boundaries of the Municipality in the Notification of December 1916, defining the limits of the municipal town. The income of the Municipality suffered much, as the owners of steam and motor boats touching the western jetty of the Vaikam town refused to pay any tolls or license fees, on the ground that the Vembanad lake was not included within the municipal limits. The Municipal Council was also deprived of a substantial amount under profession tax which could otherwise be realised from the Vembanad lake side.

According to the practice in vogue it was necessary to affix a court fee stamp to the value of two chackrams to the petitions presented to the Municipal Council. The profit on this account went to the Government, while the Municipality had to decide the petitions. This income should be credited to the Municipal fund.

The major roads within the municipal limits of Vaikam were under the control of the Public Works and the Devaswom Departments. The Municipal Council had to attend to the sanitation of the roads as well as other matters touching the health of the public. It was therefore essential that the Council should have complete control over these roads. The major roads within the Municipality should be transferred to the Municipal Council together with the funds required for their maintenance.

DEWAN'S REPLY Mr. Khadir, the first two subjects have already been decided against you. The proposal to include certain portions within municipal limits has been vetoed, and it has been decided that Municipalities are not entitled to claim revenue from court fee stamps on petitions.

The general question of maintenance of roads in municipal areas is now under the consideration of Government.